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MARSHPONIES NATIVE WILD HORSES.

The annual pony penning on the banks near Morehead attracts its usual interest as a subject both of sport and profit; for there is infinite excitement in the capture of the little "bankers," and there is much profit in their subsequent sale through out the State, many a fond father being eager to obtain a pony for a daughter or WHAT HAS THE ALLIANCE TO a little son. These little horses are wild in one sense, inasmuch as they are bred and reared without human agency or control; yet they are subjects of owner- 10, says; ship, and the right of property in the mass seems to be clearly defined and revognized. The origin of the stock is involved in obscurity. Naturalists all agree that the horse was not indigenous to either the North or South American continents. Among the feesil remains of a very remote antiquity have been found perintendent and will at suce take very the hones or skeletons of the little himparion, a charger about the size of a jack rabbit; we can hardly accept him as the progenitor of even the diminutive banks now especially in a certain admosphere one. Yet it is certain that when the English speaking colonists began to dit fuse themselves along the South Atlantic coast, they found horses of small size abundant, as well in the interior as on the coast. Now it is well known that Spanish adventure antedated English settlement by more than a hundred years. the city of St. Augustine having been founded in 1513. And the Spaniards. with their last for gold and compact, were always provident in the introduc tion of European domestic animals horses, cattle, swine, poultry, etc. To them probably is due the introduction of the horse, turned bose to take care of himself, or escaping, to thrive under to vorable conditions of climate, and food To account for the peculiar breed which characterizes what we may call the ma tive American stock, the News-Observer offers the following suggestions, which if the theory of Spanish introduction be not accepted. We are inclined to hold to the priority of the last, and to account for degeneration in size, and certain substantial and perimanent good, changes in form to industration to new conditions of existence. But the sugges-

That paper says: The first large settlement made by the English the in new world was at the Bar-hadoes of the South American coast. In was difficult to being English horses to those days, was in demand. These little Spanish mags reared in the West Tadies were carried very readily on board ves-

tions of the News Observer have weight.

sels along the coast But the wild horse did not then confine it self to the const. to which it is now restrict ed. It appears to have rounted through all the Atlantic interior from Virginia to Florida, and to have been the progenitor of the Indian pony and the sand hill tacky, known from Cumberfault county in this State to Florida, often seen nowa days-or at least within our memoryhitched to a cart, and coming in from the farms with their loads of a single bale of cotton. Some evidence stronger than tradition establishes the existence of the wild horse in Cumberland and adjoining counties at quite a recent date. Three quarters of a century ago, the pine woods were filled with a dense herbage of canand wild pea vine, affording abundan and succident herbage to wild animals a all kinds. At an earlier period these pas tures were filled with buffalo, elk, deer, and other game. The existence of the former is attested by the numerous "But falo" ercels which derived their name from the presence of that animal. A more permanent record is made in the inefficeable buffalo trail across the remarkable Ouwhiffle swamp, in the northwest corner of Cumberland county. The shrulbery and young trees were trodden down for a width of fifty yards, marking out a trail leading towards the northwest; and, although probat ly a century and a half have elapsed since it was trodden by the great herds that once roamed there, as they afterwards did on the great western plains, the track through the swamp is still as distinct as when it was in daily use by the huge animals. It may be remarked that these pine woods were a great game preserve for the Indians. It was neutral ground; and, at certain seasons, the Tuscaroras of the east and

With the other wild animals, the wild horse mingled in great numbers, roaming the open woods in great herds, led, often. as tradition likes to hold it, by some con spicuously beautiful white stallion, the coveted object of every hunter's aim to secure. We remember the interest we used to take in the narratives of an old friend, the beloved, genial and intelligent Ionathan Evans, of Cumberland county a great hunter all his life. He has been dead now probably thirty years. In his early hunting days, herds of wild horses were still frequent in the pine woods, and were favorite objects of the sport of the hunters, old and young. They were caught by being forced, aiter long and animated chase, into a corral or pen of berg, der silent bardner."

Customer—"Say, Rothstein, who's that man doing a'll that screaming and swearing at the clerks in the rear of the series?" Rothstein—"Oh, dot vas Rosenberg, der silent bardner." rails on one side of one of those numerous strips of swamp common to the piney woods at a point where the herds were Whitlock's.

in the habit of crossing. The hunters, al ways in considerable numbers, pursued the berd with shouts and gestures, grad ually closing in upon them, until the leading horse plunged through the open ing through the swamp and into the gap of the corral. Then the hunters rushed up, closed the gap, and the sport of selecting and securing the choice horses began, commeted much as the capture and subjugation of the must ang and broucho are conducted nowadays in Texas ando the plains, Sometimes the perilous feat of reasing was practiced, shooting as some special point in the neck with a ri fle, and producing a paralyzing, but not fatal wound, if the shot were skillfully aimed. But this was a risk too great for

any but the most expert to attempt. The wild horse, once rounning the whole south Atlantic coast, is now confined, s ar as we are informed, to the Virginia and North Carolina "banks." But that he once had a wide interior range is moved by the present existence of the undersized, very characteristic horse in use on the small farms from North Carolina o Florida, and by the Indian ponics some of which are now owned by the In dians of Western North Carolina.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Rich moud Dispatch, under date of Augus

"There is an amount of inter est in the approaching session of the Scate Formers' Alliance. It is said that that powerful organization will take very carriest shoul in a matter which of the greatest moment just now. This the insanc-asylum question. It is said that the alliance will demand in Gris som's removal from the position of su decided action on that question

While we recognize the great interesround Raleigh, we confess we do not see the torce of obligation resting mothe Affinnee as achody to take action upo t. As an individual mayire, there wil e differences of opinion, and must rained | Drices, norganization formed by the express chink it is. The use of the influence of arybody or organization to indirect we think may be accepted as conclusive, effect an object on doubtful legality though of possible present ex ediency with receitably excell. There must be add foundation of principles for every

> The world when has been watchin be warlier prepagations of Europe for loxilest many years, with monthly ex sountions of a gareent outbreak, wiff vatch with emissive and accept with doubt, the course and results of the last somerand means of four of the gre reconnitions. It is heralded as a creat as and triumph of diplomacy that in wo days throck was brought to its senss. Russia thought counderstand that she just keep her imper out of the new Tirevine, and Pronce taught the limitat ng lesson that she was circumvented. soluted and helidess. And as the result of his love least of the four big nowers most interested the dove of deare is let were and is to find rest for the sole of is feet, the sword is to be benten into be praining book, and all the soldiers of BOTH PHOTOGRAPHIC AND HAND hirope 20 to ploughing. This is a near r approach to the Millenium than we may expect while Bismark is alive and while the Car bas an eye to look in the

> The expansion of the pine fibre influs ustry in Wilmington from the small teme enterpose to an organization with capital of \$1,000,000, means a great ARTHUR M. FIELD, It means that pine fibre has the perit in it that was claimed for it; that be mose despised and useless substance scattered by the winds of waste, hi een made the subject of solid fortunes and it means the decermination of ody of intelligent and spirited men to e as free in their industries as they are n their persons, and prove their su periodic to rings, trusts and monope es. If the like temper were displayed in all branches of manufactures, the South world cease to pay tribute to other sec tions, would cease to scrip itself of GRADUATE OPTICIAN. money it might make at home, and would place itself in position to trade and exchange on equal terms with poss of heaping up wealth as the der system of the North has enaled that section to do.

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